

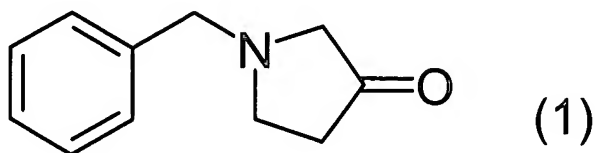
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

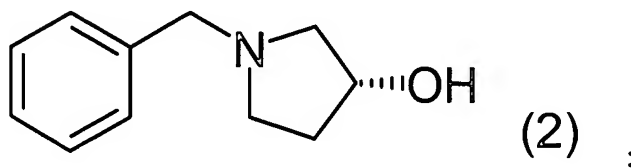
LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Previously presented): An isolated polypeptide having the following physical and chemical properties (1) to (4):

(1) activity: stereoselectively reducing N-benzyl-3-pyrrolidinone represented by the formula (1):



with NADH or NADPH as a coenzyme, to form (R)-N-benzyl-3-pyrrolidinol represented by the formula (2):



(2) optimum pH for activity: 5.5 to 6.0;

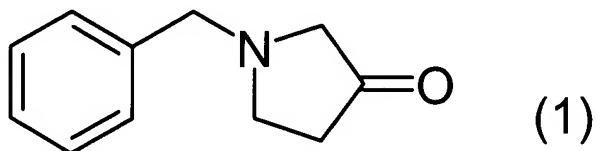
(3) optimum temperature for activity: 50°C to 55°C;

(4) molecular weight: about 55,000 as determined by gel filtration analysis, about 28,000 as determined by SDS polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis analysis, and which is isolated from a microorganism belonging to the genus *Devosia*.

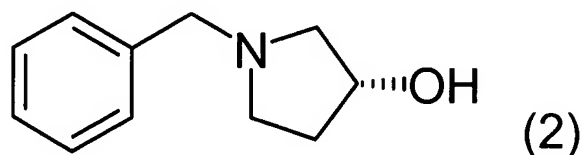
2. (Currently amended): An isolated polypeptide which is the following (a) or (b):

(a) a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 or

(b) a polypeptide encoded by a polynucleotide that is capable of hybridizing under stringent conditions with a polynucleotide comprising the base sequence complementary to SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein said stringent ~~condition~~condition ~~comprise~~comprises washing the filter with 0.1 to 2 x SSC solution at 65°C, said polypeptide having activity in stereoselectively reducing N-benzyl-3-pyrrolidinone represented by the formula (1):



to form (R)-N-benzyl-3-pyrrolidinol represented by the formula (2):



3. (canceled)

4. (Previously presented): The isolated polypeptide according to Claim 1, wherein the microorganism belonging to the genus *Devosia* is *Devosia riboflavina* IFO 13584.

5.-23. (Canceled)